

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended) A landscape edging system, comprising:

an edging strip having a top surface, a bottom surface, a first end and a second end, said edging strip having a relatively thin shell layer disposed around a core layer, said core layer having one or more longitudinal channels disposed therein, each of said channels having a channel wall; and a connector having a channel-shaped sleeve portion with an open first end and an open second end, said open first end and said open second end configured to receive said first end of said edging strip or said second end of said edging strip in said sleeve portion, said sleeve portion having an internal body member disposed therein, said internal body member having one or more extending portions thereon, each of said one or more extending portions configured to be received in one of said channels of said edging strip.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The landscape edging system according to claim 1, wherein said core layer and said shell layer are co-extruded such that said shell layer substantially encapsulates said core layer.

Claim 3 (original) The landscape edging system according to claim 1, wherein said core layer is substantially made up of re-grind or recycled material.

Claim 4 (original) The landscape edging system according to claim 1, wherein said shell layer is a high quality plastic.

Claim 5 (original) The landscape edging system according to claim 1, wherein said core layer is substantially made up of re-grind or recycled material, said shell layer is a high quality plastic and said core layer and said shell layer are co-extruded.

1 Claim 6 (original) The landscape edging system according to claim 1, wherein said core layer has two or
2 more longitudinal channels and said connector has two or more extending portions, each of said
3 extending portions configured to be received in one of said channels.

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5 Claim 7 (currently amended) The landscape edging system according to claim 1, wherein said one or
6 more extending portions ~~extending portion~~ has a tapered edge, said tapered edge configured to be
7 engagingly received by said channel wall.

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9 Claim 8 (currently amended) The landscape edging system according to claim 1, wherein said one or
10 more extending portions ~~extending portion~~ has one or more protruding barbs configured to engage said
11 channel wall.

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13 Claim 9 (original) The landscape edging system according to claim 1, wherein each of said channels in
14 said core layer has an opening at said first end and said second end of said edging strip.

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16 Claim 10 (original) The landscape edging system according to claim 1 further comprising a stake
17 member configured to engagingly secure said edging strip to the ground.

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19 Claim 11 (original) The landscape edging system according to claim 10, wherein said stake is
20 configured to penetrate a side of said edging strip.

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22 Claim 12 (currently amended) A landscape edging system, comprising:

23 an edging strip having a top surface, a bottom surface, a first end and a second end, said
24 edging strip having a relatively thin shell layer disposed around a core layer, said core layer and said
25 shell layer co-extruded such that said shell layer substantially encapsulates said core layer, said core

1 layer having two or more longitudinal channels disposed therein, each of said channels having a channel
2 wall; and

3 a connector having a channel-shaped sleeve portion with an open first end and an open
4 second end, said open first end and said open second end configured to receive said first end of said
5 edging strip or said second end of said edging strip in said sleeve portion, said sleeve portion having
6 an internal body member disposed therein, said internal body member having one or more extending
7 portions thereon, each of said one or more extending portions configured to be received in one of said
8 channels of said edging strip.

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10 Claim 13 (original) The landscape edging system according to claim 12, wherein said core layer is
11 substantially made up of re-grind or recycled material.

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13 Claim 14 (original) The landscape edging system according to claim 12, wherein said shell layer is a
14 high quality plastic.

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16 Claim 15 (original) The landscape edging system according to claim 14, wherein said core layer is
17 substantially made up of re-grind or recycled material.

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19 Claim 16 (currently amended) The landscape edging system according to claim 12, wherein said one or
20 more extending portions ~~extending portion~~ has a tapered edge, said tapered edge configured to be
21 engagingly received by said channel wall.

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23 Claim 17 (currently amended) The landscape edging system according to claim 12, wherein said one or
24 more extending portions ~~extending portion~~ has one or more protruding barbs configured to engage said
25 channel wall.

1 Claim 18 (original) The landscape edging system according to claim 12 further comprising a stake
2 member configured to engagingly secure said edging strip to the ground.

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4 Claim 19 (cancelled)

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6 Claim 20 (cancelled)

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8 Claim 21 (new) A landscape edging system, comprising:

9 an edging strip having a top surface, a bottom surface, a first end and a second end, said
10 edging strip having a relatively thin and integrally formed shell layer disposed around a core layer, said
11 core layer and said shell layer co-extruded such that said shell layer substantially encapsulates said core
12 layer, said core layer having two or more longitudinal channels disposed therein, each of said channels
13 having a channel wall; and

14 a connector having a channel-shaped sleeve portion with an open first end and an open
15 second end, said open first end and said open second end configured to receive said first end or said
16 second end of said edging strip in said sleeve portion, said sleeve portion having an internal body
17 member disposed therein between said first end and said second end thereof, said internal body member
18 having one or more extending portions thereon, each of said one or more extending portions configured
19 to be securely received in one of said channels of said edging strip.

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21 Claim 22 (new) The landscape edging system according to claim 21, wherein said core layer is
22 substantially made up of re-grind or recycled material and said shell layer is a high quality plastic.

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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